

**Guide to Hawaii Immunization and Examination
Requirements
for Post-Secondary Schools
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1. Registration of New Students.

(a) Post-secondary schools shall give students written notification of the immunization and examination requirements. An immunization record and valid TB certificate shall be presented at registration.

(b) The school shall review the documents to determine if the student has met the requirements. If any of the requirements have not been fulfilled, the school shall inform the student of the unmet requirements and needed action.

(c) A student who is in the process of completing immunizations may be ***provisionally admitted***, as specified below, for up to 90 days. There is ***no exception*** to the TB certificate requirement.

(d) **A student without a valid TB certificate shall not be allowed to attend school.**

(e) Documents showing compliance with the requirements must be provided before a student is granted regular admission to the school.

2. Tuberculosis (TB) Examination and Certification Requirements.

(a) A valid TB certificate from the Department of Health or a physician using a Department of Health approved form must be presented before school entry.

(b) A valid certificate issued by a physician must include the dates and times of administration and reading of the tuberculin test and the diameter of the reaction, or the date, location, and name of the reader of the chest x-ray.

(c) The examination must have been given within 12 months before the date of first entry into a post-secondary school in the State of Hawaii. A copy of this document shall be kept in the student's health record at the school.

(d) The certificate shall remain valid for entry or re-entry into any post-secondary school in Hawaii.

3. Immunization Requirements.

(a) A record of immunizations must be presented for school attendance. This record must include complete dates (month, day, year) for each required immunization and must be certified by a physician.

(b) Two doses of measles vaccine are required, with at least one of the two being MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine. The first dose must have

been given on or after 12 months of age and the second must have been given at least 4 weeks after the first.

(c) Students born prior to 1957 are exempt from the measles immunization requirement.

(d) A copy of the immunization record shall be kept in the student's health record at the school.

4. Procedure for Provisional Admittance and Exclusion.

(a) The student must present a medical appointment card or a letter from a physician showing that the student has an appointment to obtain the required immunization(s). The student may then be granted **provisional admission** for up to 90 days.

(b) The school is encouraged to remind students of incomplete requirements at any time during the 90 day period.

(c) If the student has not fulfilled the requirements by the end of the 90 day period, the school shall send a dated notice of exclusion to the student, stating that the student will be excluded from school beginning 30 days after the date of the notice.

(d) Beginning 30 days after the date of the notice, the student shall be prohibited from attending school. Documents showing full compliance must be submitted before the student is re-admitted to the school.

(e) Provisional admission may be suspended by the Department of Health when there is a danger of an epidemic from any of the diseases for which immunization is required.

5. Lost and Incomplete Immunization Records.

If a student is unable to present a complete record of all immunizations received, the undocumented or incompletely documented required immunizations must be administered again. This includes immunizations with incomplete dates.

6. Record Keeping.

Post-secondary schools shall make the records of student immunization and examination requirements available to the Department of Health for review.